

43.103 Types of contract modifications.

Contract modifications are of the following types:

(a) *Bilateral*. A bilateral modification (supplemental agreement) is a contract modification that is signed by the contractor and the contracting officer. Bilateral modifications are used to-

- (1) Make negotiated equitable adjustments resulting from the issuance of a change order;
- (2) Definitize letter contracts; and
- (3) Reflect other agreements of the parties modifying the terms of contracts.

(b) *Unilateral*. A unilateral modification is a contract modification that is signed only by the contracting officer. Unilateral modifications are used, for example, to-

- (1) Make administrative changes;
- (2) Issue change orders;
- (3) Make changes authorized by clauses other than a changes clause (*e.g.*, Property clause, Options clause, or Suspension of Work clause); and
- (4) Issue termination notices.

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